

HR 4026 is not a proposal that will benefit anyone other than the National Broadcasters. Weather and traffic are integral segments of life in an urban setting. To that end, not everyone has weatherbands in their car, and it is not possible to tune into traffic except in certain locations. In todays market of high priced gasoline, it is unconsionable to remove the one method of preventing consumers from sitting in traffic jams, wasting gas and creating pollution. XM radio saved me from sitting on 295 near the 495 intersection where the road is under construction. I was able to take an alternate route before it was too late. One cannot depend on "regular" radio for anything other than constant commercials. Any reference to traffic is spotty other than during rush hour periods - most of which is well known to those who drive in them. XM radio is a paid service and as a business should have first amendment rights just like the broadcasters.